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1. POLISH OFFICIALS AND MEDIAL WENT TO SOME LENGTHS TO BUILD UP THE AUGUST 2-3 OFFICIAL VISIT OF HUNGARIAN PREMIER GYOERGY LAZAR, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY DEPUTY PREMIER GYULA SZEKER, VARIOUS MINISTERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. POLISH PREMIER PIOTR JAROSZEWICZ OFFICIALLY HOSTED THE TWO-DAY ROUND OF CEREMONIES, SIGHTSEEING, AND CONSULTATIONS.

2. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED IN THE POLISH PRESS ON AUGUST 4 NOTED THAT LAZAR AND JAROSZEWICZ HAD SIGNED A DOCUMENT OUTLINING THE PRESENT TASKS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION BE-
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TWEEN POLAND AND HUNGARY. A 60 PERCENT INCREASE

IN BILATERAL TRADE TURNOVER OVER THE LAST FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, IS EXPECTED FOR 1976-80. FURTHER, CO-OPERATION IN THE MACHINE AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES WILL DEVELOP "DYNAMICALLY". THERE WAS SPECIFIC MENTION OF COOPERATION IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE FIAT 126P, ELECTRONIC AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

3. THERE WERE WARM WORDS IN THE COMMUNIQUE FOR TRADITIONAL POLISH-HUNGARIAN FRIENDSHIP, CULTURAL EXCHANGES, AND COOPERATION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE WARSAW PACT, CEMA, AND CSCE.

4. THE CHARGE, SEEING ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER TREPCZYNSKI ON AUGUST 4 ABOUT ANOTHER MATTER, RAISED LAZAR'S VISIT. TREPCZYNSKI CHARACTERIZED POLISH-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS AS EXCELLENT AND SAID THAT BILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY FRUITFUL. THIS COOPERATION WILL BE ENHANCED FURTHER BY THE AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY LAZAR AND HIS ASSOCIATES. THE HUNGARIANS, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE NO NATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY, ALTHOUGH THEY MANUFACTURE EXCELLENT COMPONENTS, WHICH THE POLES WILL INCREASINGLY USE IN THEIR AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION. TURNING TO AGRICULTURE, TREPCZYNSKI NOTED THAT HUNGARY HAS A SMALL SURPLUS OF WHEAT BUT IS IN NEED OF POTATOES. SOMETHING IN THE WAY OF AN EXCHANGE MIGHT BE WORKED OUT AFTER THIS YEAR'S CROPS ARE HARVESTED. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT POLAND HAS BEEN RUNNING A PERSISTENT BUT SMALL DEFICIT IN BILATERAL TRADE WITH HUNGARY, BASICALLY BECAUSE OF HEAVY POLISH TOURISM. THE PURPOSE OF THE NEW AGREEMENTS, HE ASSERTED, IS TO HELP BRING BILATERAL TRADE INTO CLOSER EQUILIBRIUM.

5. COMMENT: A SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF THE VISIT WAS THE TROUBLE THE POLES EXPENDED IN DEMONSTRATING THE WARMTH OF POLISH-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS. TELEVISION AND PRESS COVERAGE WAS EXTENSIVE, WITH LAZAR FULLY PHOTOGRAPHED AT ALL POINTS DURING HIS HIGHLY CEREMONIAL SCHEDULE.
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